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For: FLOORING COVERING, FLOOR PANEL AND SET OF FLOOR
PANELS FOR FORMING SUCH FLOOR COVERING, AND
METHODS FOR THE PACKAGING AND MANUFACTURING
OF SUCH FLOOR PANELS

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European examination report dated August 29, 2008 in corresponding European application 04 075 032.5.

Equivalent reference

It will be noted that U.S. patent application publication 2004/0139678 is a U.S. equivalent to U.S. publication to WO 03/089736 A. Both of these references are listed on

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